Donors of Rare Blood Pitch In to Preserve Two Lives

Teamwork by the Red Cross, six blood donors and Royal Jubilee Hospital almost certainly saved two lives in Victoria this week.

A patient at the hospital was slated for operation yesterday morning. Set aside for the operation were six bottles of his blood-type — the rare O-negative.

Tuesday at 1.50 p.m. Saanich police brought to the hospital's emergency ward Robert Coley-Donahue, 30, of 4985 West Saanich.

He had cut his foot badly while chopping wood, severing tendons and blood vessels just above the toes. Police applied a tourniquet, but he still lost a large amount of blood. His type? O-negative.

When he arrived at the emergency ward, the bottles of O-negative set aside for the operation had to be used. Three were applied at once in transfusions; the others held in reserve for his treatment in the operating room.

Question arose of replacing the O-negative for yesterday's operation.

A call went out to Mrs. Violet Thistle of the Red Cross blood doners' service.

Few have this type of blood, but Mrs. Thistle had some names on her list. The first six she called were all she needed. They came to the clinic, along with a doctor from Royal Jubilee Hospital and other assistants.

Within a few hours, the necessary six bottles of O-negative were waiting for the scheduled operation.

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Plus Food for the Soul

Feed for Derelicts

Inhabitants of Victoria's Skid Road are invited to an Easter Sunday morning breakfast of sausages and eggs, fried potatoes, toast, jam, coffee — and a message.

Invitation is issued by Ernie Welsh of the Salvation Army's Harbor Lights mission, 550 Yates, who said yesterday he expects maybe 80 derelicts will attend.

The breakfast will be worthwhile if only one man manages to get some spiritual sustenance in addition to a feed.

"Maybe just one soul will see the light . . . will see there is something better than bumming around the Skid Road," said Mr. Welsh, 58, a man who five years ago was on Vancouver's Skid Road himself.

"There's a Skid Road in Victoria, too," he said, "even if the chief of police does deny it.

"What's more, there are a lot of people in the Uplands who are on a Skid Road physically and mentally."

Mr. Welsh said the same power is waiting to help the people with "sick souls" in the Uplands as for those on lower Johnson Street.

But the 8.30 a.m. breakfast is for the lower Johnson Street types, he said, "and as long as they come and get a ticket beforehand, they're welcome."

Flaunting Of Siren To Cease

City fire wardens have instructed the fire chief to check and prosecute more of the drivers who ignore fire sirens and flashing red lights.

"People have got to realize that emergency vehicles have the right of way," fire wardens' chairman Ald. A. I. Curtis said yesterday.

He said the wardens had taken this action even before the Langford ambulance was involved in two collisions Sunday in the city.

City Services

Calvary Will Be Recalled

Christ's agony on the cross and His death at Calvary, nearly 2,000 years ago, will be commemorated in Victoria this Good Friday with a three-hour service in Metropolitan United Church from 2 to 5 p.m.

Congregations of all churches belonging to the Victoria Ministerial Association are expected to fill the church to overflowing to hear the age-old story of the last earthly hours of the Saviour.

CHRIST ON THE CROSS

Sermons of seven ministers will describe part of the time Christ spent on the cross in those last minutes on earth.

Speakers will be Revs. Douglas Carr, I. I. Nadiger, Harry Pike, Laura Butler, Ralph MacDonald, W. B. Airhart and H. K. Johnston.

Singers from St. Aidan's United, Fairfield United, First Baptist, Metropolitan and First United will compose the choir.

ANGLICAN, CATHOLIC

Congregations from all Greater Victoria churches are expected to attend, except those of the Anglican and Catholic faiths.

At Christ Church Cathedral, Rev. Stephen S. Bayne, bishop of Olympia, Wash., will conduct a three-hour service starting at noon. Children's service will be at 9.30 a.m. Mattins and ante-communion will be at 10.30 a.m. with the sermon by Rev. R. E. H. Howell. At 5.15 p.m. there will be evensong.

Oak Bay United Church choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Vera Barclay, will present the cantata "Man of Sorrows," written by Oak Bay organist James Saunders, at 8 p.m. in the auditorium, Granite and Mitchell.

CANTATA

Soloists will be Mrs. Margaret Christison, John Bray and Robert Williams.

Canon George Biddle, of St. John's Anglican Church, will preach on "Faces About the Cross" during the traditional one-hour service starting at 11 a.m.

Rev. J. Lewis W. McLean, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, will conduct a one-hour service in the church at 11 a.m.

At Belmont United Church, Rev. T. L. W. Lanceley will conduct a service starting at 11 a.m.

$13,000,000 for Clearing

Shrum Hearing Hears Buttle Battle Clamor

Getting the Facts

Getting the facts about what it's like to be a Mountie from RCMP's Cpl. C. N. Wicks is Jerry Wilson, 19, of 3112 Douglas. Jerry was one of 250 students of Victoria High School's graduating class who attended vocational counselling session last night at National Employment Office.

Repercussions Crop Up

The "battle for Buttle Lake" had repercussions in yesterday's Shrum royal commission hearings.

R. C. McMordie, acting general manager of B.C. Power Commission, said the publicly-owned utility was forced to spend more than $13,000,000 on clearing 7,969 acres along the shoreline of Buttle and Upper Campbell lakes before a power dam raised the water level by 19 feet. (See also Page 2.)

He said the sale of timber cut during clearing operations amounted to some $5,000,000 which reduced the net cost of the operation to just over $8,000,000. At one time 670 men were employed on the clearing job.

Stringent regulations for preserving Buttle Lake were imposed by the provincial government after conservationists spearheaded an outburst of protest against spoiling the area's natural beauty.

Mr. McMordie said clearing costs on Buttle Lake went as high as $2,125 per acre, with the contractor receiving additional payment for timber cut over the estimated volume.

"It's incredible," said Dr. Gordon Shrum. "How are we going to get across to the people of this province that this has to be paid for out of the power rates?

"We've been getting briefs from people who claim the cost of power should come down. If the people of this province want to set such high standards, they must expect to pay more than they do for power elsewhere where standards are not so high."

Shrum commission is currently inquiring into over-expenditures of $19,000,000 on original estimates for building the $35,000,000 Strathcona power development with a dam below Upper Campbell Lake.

School Board Aim:

Break Barrier For Misfit Boys

A bold move to hold the interest of boys of average intelligence who plan to leave school before they are 16 is planned by Greater Victoria school board.

This September it will institute a "work while you learn" class for some 20 "average youngsters" who plan to enter industry but have no qualifications for a technical job.

"This is an effort to do something for the average and low average boy," said Harvey Mickelson, director of mental health for local schools.

"These are not dull boys. They just don't seem to fit into our educational set-up at present."

Most are 15 and a few 14½ and they are planning to quit school at the end of this term because they are bored with academic courses.

Mr. Mickelson said a "real barrier" exists for these boys who leave school before they are 16. With increasing technical requirements it's no longer easy to join the services. Most employers won't take them unless they're pretty capable. And provincial government technical schools have relatively stiff entrance requirements.

"We are trying to bridge that gap," he said. "Ideally we want to make them more mature, to face the world of work and their own particular predicament.

"But even if we can only keep them busy for a year, we will have helped them surmount this very real barrier that is facing them."

Contracts Given For Sooke Schools

Contracts for two new three-room elementary schools in Sooke School District 62 have been awarded to D'Arcy Construction of Victoria.

Tender for Millstream School and Saseenos School totalled $74,000, a board spokesman said.

They are expected to be completed by Aug. 15.

Children Start 10-Day Holiday

Greater Victoria's 20,000 school children begin a 10-day Easter Vacation when classes end today. Schools re-open April 6.

Happiest Boy in Town

Happiest boy in the city yesterday was Rickey Wheeler, 4, of 117 St. Lawrence, surrounded by 10 German shepherd puppies at home of the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Coutu, 88 Dallas Road. Puppies, all strong and active, are from the same litter.—(Colonist photo)

Park Attack

Youth Beaten, Robbed

An 18-year-old Saanich youth was admitted to Royal Jubilee Hospital yesterday, some hours after he was beaten and robbed.

Donald Patterson, 1503 Charlton, told police the attack took place at Thunderbird Park where he had driven four young men after meeting them on Johnson Street, Tuesday evening.

He told police he was robbed of $20 after being overpowered by his companions. He said all four wore "pork pie hats and light-colored car coats."

Hospital authorities said last night the youth was in good condition. His mother, Mrs. Sam J. Patterson said she decided to take her son to hospital from home "when we saw the cuts and bruises."

Library Closed

Victoria Public Library will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday but will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

MRS. DOROTHY GILHAM

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Seen In Passing

Mrs. Dorothy Gilham writing out a money order. (She is assistant postmistress at Langford Post Office. She and her husband **Ken**, a tile and linoleum setter, have three children, **Joy**, 12, **Gerald**, 9, and **Gail**, 6. Mrs. Gilham devotes much of her spare time to fancy work and the CWACs) . . . **Tom Smith** having trouble understanding the heavy Glasgow accent of **Betty** and **York Balmer**, who have recently taken over a coffee shop at Douglas and Bay Streets . . . **Mrs. Sheila Newnham** having morning coffee.

Impaired Drivers

Blood Samples May Be Taken

Persons charged with impaired driving in Victoria may in future have blood samples taken to determine alcohol content.

Victoria police commission yesterday approved the policy "to advance the cause of justice," with the blood test to be made when considered advisable by the examining doctor.

Proposal for the blood test originated with Dr. E. L. McNiven, police doctor, who for some time has conducted a physical and oral examination of all persons accused of driving while impaired.

Through this examination he has been able to approximate the alcohol content of the blood, and from that the degree of impairment of the accused. The blood test, he felt, would make his conclusions definite and positive.

Commission members consulted city solicitor and prosecuter T. P. O'Grady on the question, and got from him approval of the policy, so long as accused consented in writing to the test. At the same time it was made clear that accused could have his own doctor make the same test if he desired.

"As things are at present," Mr. O'Grady told Mayor Percy Scurrah, commission chairman, and members William Hamilton and Chet Dowman, "the accused may offer conflicting evidence to sufficient degree to create an element of doubt and win acquittal."

Welfare Budget

Only $300 Cut

City council health and welfare committee made only a $300 dent yesterday in a proposed 1959 welfare budget of $957,545, up $194,238 from last year's final estimates.

Actually, net increase in cost to the city after allowing for the provincial share is expected to be only about $7,800, plus a few thousand dollars—a figure not yet accurately determined—for salary increases.

But, Ald. D. J. Proudfoot served notice that he intends to fight for a larger share of the cost being borne by the senior governments. At present the provincial government shares province-wide welfare costs with the municipalities on a 90-10 basis, but doesn't share in the administrative costs of larger municipalities.

"I don't see why we should pay administrative costs for another government," Ald. Proudfoot said.

The municipalities were burdened with education costs, too, which should have been borne by the federal government, he said, and the time has come when the British North America Act should be amended to re-allocate reponsibilities.

Pilgrims to Carry Cross Over Malahat

Close to 50 men, women and children are expected to take part in an interdenominational walking pilgrimage from Nanaimo to Victoria, recreating Christ's journey from the Pretorium to Golgotha on the first Good Friday.

The "Pacific Cross" pilgrimage, under the sponsorship of the Newman and Newman Alumni Clubs of Victoria and with the support of the Catholic Youth Organization of Greater Victoria, will begin after the evening mass in Nanaimo at 8.30 p.m. Thursday.

The mass commemorates the Last Supper and the institution of Holy Eucharist by Christ.

A solid wood replica of Christ's cross, nine feet long and six feet wide, will be blessed during the service. During the 70-mile walk, the 120-pound cedar cross will be carried by three pilgrims at a time.

The procession will stay overnight at Ladysmith, leaving the following morning for Duncan.

At dawn Saturday morning, they will leave Duncan for Langford, walking over the Malahat, to Langford's Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, for the ceremonies of the blessing of the new fire and Easter candle and the first mass of Easter commemorating the Resurrection of Christ.

At dawn Sunday morning the pilgrims will leave Langford for the walk to St. Andrew's Cathedral where they will attend the solemn High Mass of Easter Sunday.

Three pilgrims at a time will carry the cross for 10 minutes. Each hour there will be a 10-minute pause and every four hours there will be a longer pause for rest and a meal.

Some of the pilgrims will walk the whole distance with the cross, others will join and leave the pilgrimage as they tire, or they have to.

Some 17 Victoria residents have already registered for the pilgrimage and they will journey to Nanaimo by car and train.

Similar pilgrimages are being held throughout the world.